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**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS
DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
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To all Owners,
Managers and Representatives
of vessels flying the Cyprus flag

Subject: Government Policy for the Registration of Cyprus Ships

Further to our circular EE 23/99, TEN 1/5, 1/10/1 dated 11.11.1999 which stated the current policy of the Government for the Registration of Vessels in the Cyprus Register of Ships, I wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers, by its decision dated 20 March 2002, amended that policy by introducing an exclusion of vessels constructed exclusively for inland waterways navigation, from registration under the Cyprus flag.

Seagoing vessels which are constructed for inland waterways navigation as well, may be registered provided that a relevant confirmation by the Classification Society is filed together with the application for registration.

I enclose herewith the amended page 1 of the above circular and kindly request you to replace the corresponding page of your copy of the circular with this page.

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cc: Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Works
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Attorney General of the Republic
Maritime Offices of the Department of Merchant Shipping abroad
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Cyprus Shipping Council
Association of Cypriot Shipowners (Sea Rovers) Ltd
Union of Cypriot Shipowners
Cyprus Bar Association

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Government Policy on the Registration of Vessels
In the Cyprus Register of Ships

PART I

Vessels of any size and type having an age not exceeding 15 years, except fishing vessels, may be registered in the Cyprus Register of Ships as long as they comply with the provisions contained in the merchant shipping legislation and the circulars of the Department of Merchant Shipping.

Vessels over 15 years of age and fishing vessels, may be registered in the Cyprus Register of Ships under the following additional conditions, which must be fulfilled concurrently with the submission of the application for registration (except as provided in sections C and D of PART II) and must be complied with at all times while the vessel remains registered, irrespective of any subsequent transfer of ownership.

Vessels of any age, constructed exclusively for inland waterway navigation are precluded from registration in the Cyprus Register of Ships.

Notwithstanding the above, the owner/bareboat charter of a vessel registered under the Cyprus flag in accordance with the present policy, automatically undertakes that whenever the Department of Merchant Shipping deems necessary to have the vessel inspected by its own surveyors as a result of identified deficiencies or an alleged serious violation of international conventions, he is required to submit the vessel for inspection, at his expense, in order for the Department to determine whether the vessel meets the applicable statutory requirements.

A. CARGO VESSELS, OCEAN GOING TUG BOATS AND MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS

For the purpose of this policy:

Cargo vessels include all merchant vessels of gross tonnage of 1000 and over which have been constructed or adapted for the purpose of carrying cargo in any form.

Ocean going tug boats are those with a gross tonnage over 500 which are engaged in either towing operations of ships in the open sea or in salvage operations in international waters.

Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU) are those vessels capable of engaging in drilling operations for the exploration for or exploitation of resources beneath the sea-bed such as liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons sulphur or salt.